

13th Sunday after
Pentecost
Lv. Beheading of St.
John the Baptist

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1 Corinthians 16:13-24  
Matthew 21:33-42  
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Homily by
Dn. Tim Mellor

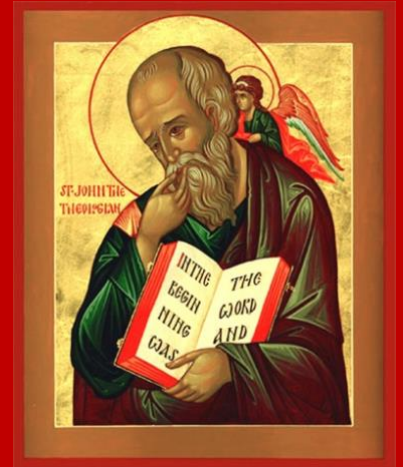
Epistle Reader:
Stan Snider

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Goetz / P. Gillquist

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

~~~~~ Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, August 30, 2026
And the Days Following
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*O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.*

## Feast Days and Services

### August 29th – Remembering the Beheading of John the Baptist

**Tonight** - Friday, August 28 – Great Vespers at 7:15pm

**Tomorrow** - Saturday, August 29 – Divine Liturgy at 9:15am

This day is a strict fast day in the Church in honor and memory of the Righteous Forerunner's suffering and death at the hands of Herod the King. (In some places, it has also been the custom not to eat anything on a plate on this day, since Herod ordered that Saint John's head be brought to him on a platter.)



## Parish Events and News



### Coffee Hour This Sunday - August 30, 2026 Fifth Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Goetz / P. Gillquist  
Everyone Brings Snacks and Helps Clean Up  
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Next Sunday – Group Matthew (1) – September 6, 2026 - Hosts: Davisson / Betson

Snacks: Abel, Amundson, Betson, Clodfelter, Culton, Curry, Dozier, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, G & J Gillquist, Grasse, G & A Ihde, Haley, Hightower, D & A Jenkins, K & G Jones, Kelly, Klatt, Lamb, Lineer, K & J Medders, Mee, Moffatt, Okuley, Patras, N & M Ray, Sluz, Stallman, Stogsdill, J. Temple, Terell, Webster

Brothers of Lazarus

The Brothers of Lazarus came together last weekend to help tear down the Quonset hut on Ben Labreque's property. It was a good time of great fellowship and working together



St. John's School Weekly News

Dear Saint John's Families,

Once again, we are excited to invite you to our annual "Stone Soup" sale and Farmer's Market which will be held **Thursday, September 3 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.**

Our Kindergarten class will be making and selling our traditional "Stone Soup," available by the bowl or by the pot. The vegetables for the soup will come from Pyrah's U-pick farm in Palmer, which the students will have visited earlier that week. If you want a pot, please bring your own pot and we will fill it.

Other classes will prepare items for the Farmer's Market, such as homemade rolls, jams, cakes, cupcakes, muffins, and other treats. If you cannot attend, send some money with your student so they can participate by purchasing a bowl of soup or some other goodies.

Hope you can come. We look forward to seeing you there.

Saint John's Staff and Students



St. James House Weekly News



St. James House Café
Come Sit and Enjoy a Cup of Coffee and
Catch Up with Friends
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am to 9am

Local Community News



Invite to the Celebratory Banquet for the Consecration of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Saturday, September 19, 2026, at the Anchorage Museum

Enjoy a dinner celebration of the blessed occasion of the consecration of their church, and the community of the Holy Transfiguration Church at the Anchorage Museum at 6pm. Tickets are \$125 per person, Formal attire. RSVP by August 25. [See the online invite and all the details here.](#)

News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [The Laborers are Few!](#)

Metropolitan Saba's Writings are now on 'substack'. Here is that [Link](#).

Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

“Checking In” with Each Other

Is there something you'd like to share? Please email cathedral@stjohnalaska.org

Robin Armstrong's Funeral Thank you and Pictures

I want to extend sincere thanks to all in our parish who helped with the Funeral Services for Robin Armstrong. There were so many different ways that people came together to help, including preparations at the cemetery, making and printing of memorial booklets, housing friends and family who travelled to be here, clergy who served at the funeral, choir members and chanters who sang so beautifully, coordination of pallbearers, and finally the bountiful Mercy Meal so many enjoyed and the subsequent cleanup. It truly was amazing and a testimony of why the people of a parish are often referred to as “the Faithful.” All of you truly are faithful, and Robin would have loved you for it, no less than we were honored to do this for her. - Fr.Marc



Dates to Remember

‘Moms with Little Ones’ Reading Group Wednesdays 10am

We will meet at the St. James House – starting September 2. If you have any questions, contact Natasha Haines at 907-351-4942.



Men's Book Club - Wednesdays 7-8pm

We will meet at the St. James House. If you have any questions, you can text Sam Lowry at 616-928-5181.

Anniversaries This Week



Brent & Stephanie Davisson - August 31, 2008



Dan & Melinda Kendall - September 5, 1976
Happy 50th Dan & Melinda!

Dn. Kevin & Doreen Dougherty - September 3, 1978

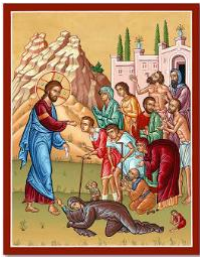
M A N Y Y E A R S !

Birthdays This Week

August 30 - Serenity Lourie
August 31 - Rachel Arnold

September 3 - Josephine Hanna
September 3 - Monica Johnson

M A N Y Y E A R S !



Remembering in Prayer...

*Oksana Artz
Ben Polson
Maris Kelly*

*Travis Cook
Lily and baby Moses*

For those suffering from the devastation of war

Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- * Priest Thomas Moffatt - September 9, 2008
- * Dorothy Calberg Keating - September 11, 2012
- * Alan John Zink - September 12, 2023
- * Laura Bell Scott - September 13, 2014
- * Agileen Lund - September 17 - 1983
- * Mary Elizabeth Dunaway - September 20, 1984
- * Russell Raoul Labrecque - September 30, 1986

M E M O R Y E T E R N A L !

Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month

For the Month of **September** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:
Saturday, September 26, 2026. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



THE SYNAXARION

Alexander, Paul the New & John of Constantinople – August 30



On August 30, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the leavetaking of the Feast of the honorable, glorious prophet, forerunner and Baptist John. We also commemorate our fathers among the saints Alexander, Paul the New, and John – Patriarchs of Constantinople.

Alexander took part in the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea in 325, in place of the aged Patriarch Metrophanes, whom he then succeeded. When certain philosophers tried to dispute with him about faith, he said to one of them: “In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, I command you to remain silent!” The philosophers became dumb from that moment on. Alexander died at the age of 98 in the year 340.

Paul the New governed the Church for almost six years and renounced the throne to secretly take the monastic vows. This was primarily to repent of his sins when he first supported the iconoclasts. He was the predecessor of the great Tarasius, Bishop of Constantinople and entered into rest in 784.

John was nicknamed “Scholasticus” because he was originally a lawyer. He became Patriarch in 565. He wrote Canons which have been included in the accepted book of Ecclesiastic law, known as the Nomocanon. In his day, the Cherubic Hymn and the prayer “At Your mystical supper” were introduced into the Liturgy. He departed this life peacefully and gave his soul to God in 577.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Phantinos of Calabria and Januarios; the repose of Venerable Alexander of Svir; translation of the relics of Alexander Nevsky, prince of Novgorod; and Cyril and Makarios, patriarchs of Serbia. By the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Bulletin Announcement Guidelines

Send announcements to church email address: cathedral@stjohnalaska.org Have announcements submitted by Thursday or at very latest Friday 9am. If you have any questions regarding announcements – contact Maris Kelly at the church office. 907-696-2002.

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